

Health science students win state honors

Students took home awards from two recent statewide health science competitions.

During HOSA-Future Health Professionals 5th Annual Rare Disease Day on Feb. 28 at Nemours Alfred I duPont Hospital for Children in North Wilmington, students raised awareness of rare pediatric diseases. Their academic posters and presentations were judged by a group of distinguished judges from Nemours.

Rohan Kanchana and Caroline Kelly of Newark Charter School won first place for their presentation on sickle cell disease. Julie Curry and Beth Davis of Red Clay Consolidated School District's Conrad Schools of Science placed second for their presentation on osteogenesis imperfecta. And Kayla Chin and Keirah Grace of Appoquinimink School District's Middletown High School placed third for their presentation on retinitis pigmentosa.

Liz Lemus and Jennifer Mercado of New Castle County Vo-Tech School District's Hodgson Vocational Technical High School won the philanthropy award.

Middle school students also took home honors Wednesday from HOSA's Middle Leadership Conference .

The winners in health career display were:

- Gold: Savayah Brown and Emani Jackson of Capital School District's Central Middle School
- Silver: Reese Culver and Paige Synoski of Capital School District's Central Middle School
- Bronze: Chelsea Henry and Zion Webb of Colonial School District's McCullough Middle School

The winners in medical terminology were:

- Gold: Jemela Malone of Capital School District's Central Middle School
- Silver: Kendal Owens of Capital School District's Central Middle School
- Bronze: Michael Blose of Capital School District's Central Middle School

HOSA-Future Health Professionals is an international student organization that provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation, and recognition exclusively for secondary, postsecondary, and collegiate students enrolled in health science education. The Delaware charter of HOSA-Future Health Professionals started in 2011 by the Department of Education.

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